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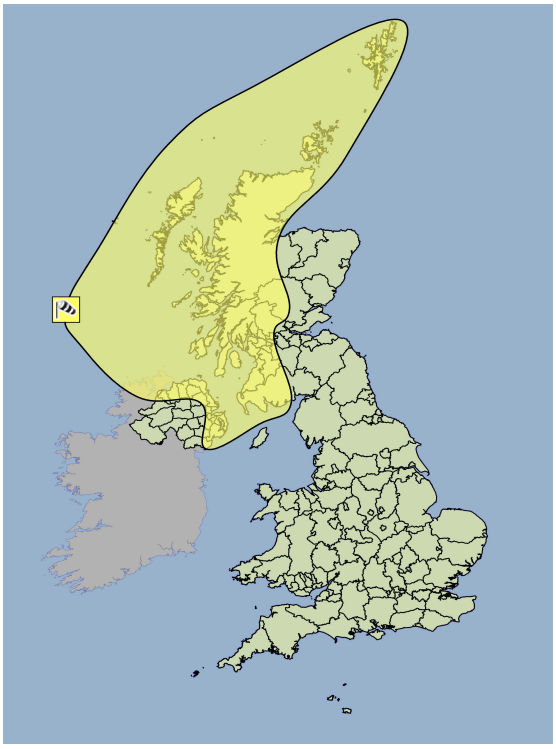

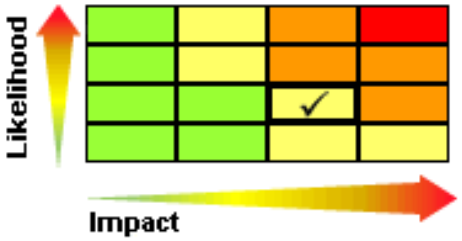

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure will pass close to the NW of Scotland during Wednesday night. There is still some uncertainty about the depth and track of this low, but the high gusts, in combination with heavy rain and some coastal flooding, have potential to bring some significant disruption.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **16:00 on Wed, 18th Dec 2013** until **06:00 on Thu, 19th Dec 2013**

Severe gale force winds will affect parts of Northern Ireland, western, central and northern Scotland from late Wednesday afternoon into early Thursday. Gusts of 60 to 70 mph are expected in exposed areas, especially around coasts. Gusts in excess of 80 mph are also possible in places, most likely in the far north west of Scotland. The wind will lead to large waves with some coastal over-topping possible. Some heavy rain is also expected. The rain and the strongest winds will clear on Thursday morning, giving way to blustery and wintry showers.

The public should be aware of the potential for disruption, particularly to transport.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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